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RAILROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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The Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) provides the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) with a continuing forum for advice and recommendations on the development of the railroad safety regulatory program. This collaborative rulemaking approach fully involves FRA's customers, makes the best use of resources, and accommodates the rapidly evolving changes in the rail transportation industry.

RSAC enables FRA to obtain, early in the rulemaking process, the input, acceptance and understanding of the regulated community, which are essential to the accomplishment of FRA's railroad safety mission in a manner that does not impose undue burden on the public.

Committee membership includes organizations representing all segments of the railroad community and is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed. The RSAC structure consists of three levels:

The full Committee

48 voting representatives from 27 organizations representing large and small railroads, rail labor organizations, state associations, rail passenger representatives, suppliers and other interested parties, two associate non-voting representatives from agencies with rail safety responsibilities in Canada and Mexico, a FRA Chairperson, and advisory representatives of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Working Groups responsible for developing recommendations on specific tasks

Task Forces responsible for developing data and recommended actions on elements of tasks assigned to working groups